REMARKS

Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for careful consideration of the pending application.

Claims 1-10, 15-16 and 18 are pending. Claims 1-5, 7, 8 and 10 have been allowed. Claims 15, 16 and 18 have been deemed allowable but objected to as being dependent from objected Claim 9. Claims 6 and 9 have been amended to attend to the Examiner's objections and accordingly are in condition for allowance as are now Claims 15, 15 and 18. Claims 11 and 12 have been cancelled. No new matter has been added.

In view of the above amendments, Applicants submit that the application is in condition for allowance, and notice to such is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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